Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of L. Burdell Nelson, and we are richer because Burdell lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Burdell was born October 29, 1924, to John and Alida Berg on the family farm in rural Mt. Vernon; and,

Whereas, Burdell married Ted Nelson, and to this union five children were born: Ted, Jr., Milton, John, Janet, and Calvin who in turn blessed her with eight grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Burdell received her nursing degree from Dakota Wesleyan University in 1946 and served as the administrator of the Storla Nursing Home from 1970 to 1988; and,

Whereas, Burdell resides in Mitchell, South Dakota, and will observe her 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 29, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State